maintain these tanks. Government will get an adequate return in the assessment on waste lands which would thereby be brought under cultivation.

Dewan's reply.—This has been repeatedly represented and repeatedly answered. Government have never done any work to such tanks.

Subject No. 95.

Fixed remuneration to Totis and Talaris.

Summary of discussion.—A fixed remuneration should be paid to the Totis and Talaris of the Channagiri Taluk. This has already been discussed. Orders have not as yet been passed.

Dewan's reply.—We shall consider the expediency of extending the Nundydroog Division Rules with needful modifications. The most important matter is to record the existing usage of different localities.

Subject No. 96

Khistbandi in Channagiri to begin from January as in the Malnad Taluks.

Summary of discussion.—Land Revenue was formerly collected from December. From last year the Khists run from February. Raiyats get money by sale of some minor crops in November and December and spend the money before the Khists begin. Therefore the Khists should begin in January as in the Malnad Taluks.

Dewan's reply.—This opinion is from the Revenue Collectors point of view. But the existing Khistbandi fixed after full discussion and consideration is well suited to the raiyat who has to pay the revenue.

Subject No. 97

Concession to obtain fire-wood from any jungle at low rates.

Summary of discussion.—Raiyats are put to much inconvenience owing to recent reservation of lands by the Forest Department. The District Jungles left for the use of the Raiyats are scarcely sufficient. Raiyats should therefore be allowed to take fire-wood at low rates from any jungle where it may be procurable.

Dewan's reply.—The existing boundaries were fixed after full discussion and consideration of local wants. If necessary, the Deputy Commissioner will investigate again. Represent to him.

ubject No. 98.

Inconvenient proximity of the State Forest of Umblibail.

Summary of discussion.—The State Forest of Umblibail is very inconveniently close to several villages. The portion now called District Forest is insufficient for the needs of the several villages and the town of Shimoga depending upon it for fire-wood, and the villagers complain that the portion now set apart does not contain trees fit for the necessary implements of agriculture. The portion recently reserved as State Forest must be thrown open as District Forest. The collection of seigniorage on fuel presses very hard on the people. As it is, people are obliged to pay seigniorage on fuel removed from District Forests also, as their way from the District Forests to villages and the Town lies through State Forest; and the peons invariably collect seigniorage saying that the

fuel is from State Forest. The Government should abolish seigniorage altogether and allow people to remove fuel even from State Forest, effective watch being kept to see that raiyats remove only dried and fallen unreserved trees.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner will be asked to examine the matter and report if necessary.

Subject No. 99.

Classification of Gajanur and certain other Maganis as Malnad.

Summary of discussion.—In the Taluk of Shimoga, the whole of Gajanur Magani, a portion of the Kasaba Magani, Benkipiur Magani, Kudligere Magani and half of Bidare Magani should be classified as Malnad for forest purposes, and bamboo seebu should be given free of cost for fencing to keep out wild beasts from forests adjoining the fields.

Dewan's reply.—The necessity for this is doubtful. The Deputy Commissioner will enquire into it.

Subject No. 100.

Execution of Irrigation works on a larger scale in the Shimoga District.

Summary of discussion.—Irrigation works should be carried on on a larger scale in the Shimoga District than at present. Owing to the scanty rain-fall in several parts of the District during the last three or four years, cultivation has suffered in many parts.

Dewan's reply.—Recorded.

Subject No. 101.

Mismanagement of the Lakshminarayanaswami temple

Summary of discussion.—A committee for the management of the affairs of Lakshminarayana temple in the heart of the Shimoga town should be appointed soon and the temple taken under Muzarayi management, as the present management is bad and the Inams attached to the temple are misappropriated.

Dewan's reply.—Enquiry will be made. If the Inams are misappropriated and their object is not fulfilled, they should be attached and resumed. The subject is referred to the Muzarayi Superintendent for needful.

Subject No. 102.

Prohibition of levy of khalsat on Devadaya and Brahmadaya lands.

Summary of discussion.—Khalsat assesssment on excess areas has been levied on Devadaya and Brahmadaya lands against the provisions of Section 11, para B of Inam Rules. This is unjust. Orders should be issued prohibiting such levy on land which has been long in enjoyment. The excess found on present measurement is not due to fraudulent encroachment, because in these cases it can be proved that such encroachment was impossible. The Inams under reference are Land Inams.

Dewan's reply.—The rules are clear. Where original boundaries are clear and clearly intact and identifiable, the excess is not to be booked. Represent individual cases by petitions.

Subject No. 103.

Levy of lower water rate on lands commanded by the Sogal Anikat.

Summary of discussion.—The Sogal anikat constructed by Government at a great cost supplies water to the tanks of Sogal, Manganakoppa, Ganjiganahalli, Kanchenahalli and Doddetanahalli villages. A uniform amount of water-rate, *viz*